



**CITY OF LONG BEACH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE**  
**COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 25, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Turrentine, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:08 p.m., in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

**Present:**

Rebecca Turrentine, Co-Chair      Pierre Batton, Co-Chair

Sotheara Chhay	Victor Perez
Helen Ingram	Lauren Perry
Marty Isozaki	Marc Rothenberg
Kate Levinstein (retiring)	Lou Santos
Jeanetta McAlpin	Mary Soth
Jon Meyer	Chelsii Summerville

**Absent:**

Fabian Gonzalez (excused)	Chanel Suarez (excused)
Alexis Peterson (excused)	Jennifer To (pending resignation)
Jessica Quintana	

**Staff:**

Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

**Guests:**

Suzanne Mason, Deputy City Manager  
Sheri Metcalf, Analyst  
Jane Grobaty, Superintendent, Community Information

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the April 27, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kate Levinstein announced her resignation from the Commission as she is leaving for the summer and will be attending college in Chicago. Commissioner Rothenberg congratulated Commissioner Levinstein on recent scholarships she had won.

Andrew Romero thanked Co-Chair Batton, Commissioner Santos, Co-Chair Turrentine, and Commissioner Rothenberg for attending a taping of the Enough is Enough telethon segment. He also thanked Commissioner Peterson for being a panel member on the live taping of the intro section of the telethon. He also discussed the finale of the telethon and thanked all those who attended.

Mr. Romero also announced Commissioner Peterson will be resigning to attend college as well, as she is leaving early to attend the University of Kansas. He presented a farewell gift to Commissioner Levinstein and thanked her for her help with various Commission projects.

#### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

The Superintendent's report was written out and attached to the agenda. However, Andrew Romero drew particular attention to the Summer Food Program, which begins June 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving about 2,400 lunches per day during the summer.

#### **V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

Co-Chair Batton apologized for missing the last Executive Committee meeting, but indicated that he will be present at them now.

Co-Chair Turrentine discussed the Enough is Enough telethon and mentioned that her husband had recorded the segments with members of the Commission if anyone wished to view them.

Co-Chair Turrentine also asked staff if the information on the proposed activities for the Be Friendly Community's Children's Day activities for 2006, which had been requested from Summer Hansen by June 1, 2005, had been delivered yet. She was informed that no information had been given to staff to date.

Co-Chair Turrentine also spoke about the last meeting of the Youth Services NETWORK before their summer break. The meeting had a speaker on the subject of afterschool programs, which the Co-Chair found to be very interesting.

#### **VI. REPORTS**

##### **a. Committees**

##### **I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs (10 May 05)**

Planned the agenda for the regular meeting, and talked about the proposal to present the Commission's Annual Report and Profile to the Long Beach Unified School District. There was some discussion on how to best go about presenting this to the Board after City Council action.

##### **II. PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE Committee Co-Chairs Levinstein and Peterson**

The Profile Project committee is on hiatus until the City Council determines whether or not to continue the project.

**III. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin

The Committee was planning to meet the day after the May Commission meeting.

**b. Standing Items**

**I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan**

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

**II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils**

**a. Report on September DLYAC meetings.**

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

*District 1* A representative of the LBPd came to discuss youth violence issues and school safety. A speaker from Californians For Justice also came to discuss the exit exams.

*District 2* Discussed possible community clean-up day, possibly in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

*District 3* Has many graduating Seniors, so are looking to increase recruitment among lower grades. They are also going dark for the summer.

*District 4* Did not meet due to finals and AP testing. Going dark for the summer.

*District 5* Did not meet due to finals and AP testing. Going dark for the summer.

*District 6* Did not meet due to finals and AP testing. Also, new staff at the district office. Going dark for the summer.

*District 7* Discussed having a dance or neighborhood clean-up. Possibly going dark for the summer.

*District 8* Discussed the Enough is Enough telethon, and two members went to the telethon to participate in the final hour.

*District 9* Discussed summer activities to keep youth in the district busy. They plan on having at least one clean-up activity per month.

**b. Requests for DLYAC involvement/participation**

There will be an event on June 1, and Cecile Walters was looking to get a representative from the Commission to take up a booth and distribute information on the Commission.

**III. Youth and Gang Violence Task Force (May 9)**

The meeting began with an overview of police activities. There was a lengthy discussion on Cal State University Community Issues Forum, and specific issues relating to youth and gang violence. They talked about LBUSD's comprehensive violence and substance abuse prevention report, and had an annual report review of the entire task force. They had their action team breakouts and discussed a billboard campaign and how to engage youth. There was also a brief review of the Enough is Enough telethon and the Task Force's role in that event.

**IV. Long Beach Youth Fund**

Finished the grant review process, determined which programs were being funded, and are now planning for their award dinner on June 8, 2005.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Incoming** – None

**Outgoing** – Support letter - SB 479

Thank you letter to the Miller Foundation

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Workshops for CYC (May 26<sup>th</sup>, 04)**

Awaiting response on proposal for producing an in-house DLYAC handbook and utilizing the rest of the contract to assist in the proposed Mayoral Forum during the upcoming Mayoral elections..

**b. Harbor Commission.**

**c. CYC Annual Report, January 04-December 04, including the Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children**

Pending response from the Council's Economic Development and Finance Committee and the City Council at large.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Childcare Coordinator Position** There was a quick review of the concern that the position would not be filled, but Suzanne Mason, Deputy City Manager, was present at the meeting, and announced that the budget office has indeed signed off on the requisition to ensure that the position remains filled. She was thanked by the Commission, and the importance of the position was stressed by Commissioner Soth.

**It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Perez to review and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Budget presentation** Deputy City Manager Suzanne Mason and Sheri Metcalf presented an update to the City's Three Year Strategic Financial Plan. Various options for reducing costs, or increasing revenue were discussed, and the Deputy City Manager requested that all Commissioners fill out a comment card to provide their input. She also invited the Commissioners to attend the City Council meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>, where they will be presenting the budget.

Additionally, there will be an annual budget summit meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, which will be from 9am – noon at the Grand near Willow and Lakewood Blvd.

**It was moved by Commissioner Perry and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to review and file the report and encourage Commissioners to submit comment cards if they wished to do so. The motion carried unanimously.**

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, at 5:00 p.m.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Chhay to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

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